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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed. The documents are English translations of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Nos. 10-302676, 8-241667, 7-302558 and 8-22782 respectively, which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 3, 2003.

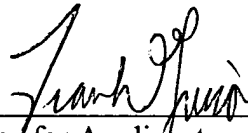
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Respectfully submitted,

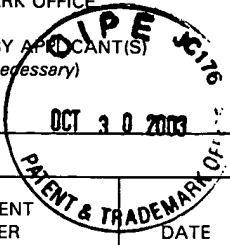


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